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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 435**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chang**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members ~~Gallagher and Olsen~~ *Gallagher,***  
***Olsen, and Steinorth*)**  
**(Coauthor: Senator Anderson)**

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An act to add Sections 12805.4 and 12812.4 to the Government Code, relating to state government.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 435, as amended, Chang. California Environmental Protection Agency: Natural Resources Agency: Web casts of public meetings and workshops.

Existing law establishes the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Natural Resources Agency as agencies in the state government. Existing law, the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, generally requires that all meetings of a state body be open and public.

This bill would require that each department, board, and commission of the Natural Resources Agency and each department, board, and office of the California Environmental Protection Agency Web cast all *onsite* public meetings ~~and workshops~~, in a manner that enables listeners and viewers to ask questions and provide public comment by telephone or electronic communication commensurate with those attending the meeting ~~or workshop~~. The bill would require the agencies to ~~archive the recording of a Web cast~~ *make the recording of a Web cast available*

online for no less than 3 years for subsequent ~~reasonable~~ viewing by interested members of the public.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 12805.4 is added to the Government  
2 Code, to read:

3 12805.4. (a) For purposes of this section, “Web cast” means  
4 a media presentation distributed over the Internet using live  
5 streaming media technology to distribute content to listeners and  
6 viewers.

7 (b) Each department, board, and commission of the Natural  
8 Resources Agency shall Web cast all public meetings ~~and~~  
9 ~~workshops~~ in a manner that enables listeners and viewers to ask  
10 questions and provide public comment by telephone or electronic  
11 communication commensurate with those persons attending the  
12 ~~meeting or workshop.~~ *meeting.* The agency shall ~~archive the~~  
13 ~~recording of a Web cast~~ *make the recording of a Web cast available*  
14 *online for no less than three years for subsequent ~~reasonable~~*  
15 *viewing by interested members of the public.*

16 (c) The requirements of subdivision (b) do not apply to a  
17 conservancy or the California Science Center. This subdivision  
18 does not limit the authority of the agency to Web cast meetings ~~or~~  
19 ~~workshops~~ of a conservancy or the California Science Center.

20 (d) *The requirements of subdivision (b) do not apply to public*  
21 *meetings held at nonagency sites. This subdivision does not limit*  
22 *the authority of the agency to Web cast meetings of any department,*  
23 *board, or commission held at a nonagency site.*

24 SEC. 2. Section 12812.4 is added to the Government Code, to  
25 read:

26 12812.4. (a) For purposes of this section, “Web cast” means  
27 a media presentation distributed over the Internet using live  
28 streaming media technology to distribute content to listeners and  
29 viewers.

30 (b) Each department, board, and office of the California  
31 Environmental Protection Agency shall Web cast all public  
32 meetings ~~and workshops~~ in a manner that enables listeners and  
33 viewers to ask questions and provide public comment by telephone

1 or electronic communication commensurate with those persons  
2 attending the ~~meeting or workshop~~. *meeting*. The agency shall  
3 ~~archive the recording of a Web cast~~ *make the recording of a Web*  
4 *cast available online for no less than three years* for subsequent  
5 ~~reasonable~~ viewing by interested members of the public.

6 (c) The deputy secretary for external affairs shall be responsible  
7 for implementation of this section.

8 (d) *The requirements of subdivision (b) do not apply to public*  
9 *meetings held at nonagency sites. This subdivision does not limit*  
10 *the authority of the agency to Web cast meetings of any department,*  
11 *board, or commission held at a nonagency site.*